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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

DURING the past year extensive improvements have been made at the Cemetery, whereby land hitherto unavailable has been prepared for sale, providing desirable lots to meet the public demand. Additional Greenhouse accommodations have been provided in accordance with the plan inaugurated the previous year. New buildings for mechanical and storage purposes have been erected on the Stone Meadow, thereby releasing a portion of the grounds in the vicinity of the Engine House, heretofore encumbered, affording an opportunity for laying out attractive and valuable lots and at the same time improving the general character of a large surrounding territory. Repairs have been made wherever required on the various buildings, and it is believed that, with the exception of repointing the Chapel and Tower, which will soon be necessary, the condition of all the structures is now so good that little additional expense need be incurred for a considerable period.

Work has been continued on the Receiving Tomb, the vestibule and fifty compartments for burial being now nearly completed.

The excavation of Halcyon Lake and improvement of grounds in its immediate vicinity, have progressed satisfactorily, advantage having been taken of the unusually low state of the water, to forward the work as much as possible. The locality has long been in an unsightly condition, and it is the desire of the Trustees to complete the improvement at the earliest practicable time, that it may become a source of revenue to the Corporation, and also in justice to those

Proprietors who have already purchased lots, anticipating the desirability of the position when the plan shall have been fully carried out.

An iron fence has been erected on the front of the Watriss lot, and a portion of the old fence raised to connect therewith, while the sidewalk has been filled and graded ; a portion of the expense of the latter item having been paid by the town of Belmont.

The roadway in front of the gate of the Cemetery has been paved at the joint expense of the City of Cambridge, the Horse Railroad Company and the Corporation.

In order to accomplish these special improvements, together with others of less importance which will be found enumerated in the report of the Treasurer, the Trustees have drawn upon the available funds of the Corporation, believing the expenditures to be investments more certain to yield an abundant return hereafter than any of the funds that have been thus converted. The Permanent Fund for the future support and preservation of the Cemetery, has been increased by the deposit of \$6,790.25, and with the accrued income for the year, now amounts to \$129,479.04. The Repair Fund is now \$80,134.87, and the estimated available assets \$23,334.42 exclusive of real estate owned by the Corporation outside of the Cemetery. By an irrevocable By-Law, it is not lawful for the Trustees to appropriate any portion of the principal or income of the Permanent Fund for the uses of the Cemetery until said fund shall have amounted to the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Realizing the necessity of a larger fund in consequence of the addition of new territory to the Cemetery as well as the increased cost of materials and labor, the Trustees on the 8th of November voted that the Permanent Fund shall amount to two hundred thousand dollars, before any of the interest on the same shall be touched.

Having thus given a summary of the more important subjects acted upon during the past year, detailed accounts of the transactions of the Corporation being contained in the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer, submitted herewith, the Trustees desire to refer briefly to the general condition of the Cemetery ; it has been their aim, and they have been zealously seconded by the Superintendent, to make the grounds attractive and pleasant by keeping the avenues and paths clean and free from obstructions, and the ornamental grounds supplied, by importation and purchase, with a variety of flowering shrubs and plants. They have also endeavored to reach the Proprietors of neglected lots and induce them to order the necessary repairs, believing that in most cases it will only require that they shall be made aware of the condition of their lots to lead them to apply the proper remedy. This is a most important subject, as the effect of considerable tracts of our territory is injured by the unsightly condition of a few lots, and the Trustees desire the hearty co-operation of the Proprietors in their efforts for improvement.

A revision of the By-Laws has been prepared and adopted by the Board ; while adhering closely to the spirit of the old laws they have been simplified and made applicable to the present requirements of the Corporation. They are now in the hands of the printer and will be soon distributed to the Proprietors.

At a meeting of the Board held February 23, 1871, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the Trustees request that the Proprietors will give them the authority to carry out the suggestion contained therein : —

WHEREAS, At the meeting of the Trustees on the 15th of February, continued by adjournment to this day, Dr. Jacob Bigelow declined a reelection as President of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount

Auburn, the Trustees are unwilling that the occasion should pass without an expression of their regard for him, and of their appreciation of his long-continued and valuable services; therefore,

Resolved, That on this, the retirement of Dr. Bigelow from the office which for twenty-six years he has so worthily filled, and for which, by his knowledge and varied acquirements he has shown himself so singularly qualified, the Trustees desire to express their appreciation of his labors and services so long rendered to the Corporation of which he was one of the original projectors and founders, — labors and services which have impressed themselves upon the Cemetery where every object, — its entrance gateway, its chapel, its beautiful avenues, paths and fountains all bear witness to his science, skill and taste, and signally identify him with Mount Auburn.

Resolved, That the Trustees tender to Dr. Bigelow the expression of their deep personal regard; and while they may not hereafter meet him at their Board as their presiding officer, they are gratified with the knowledge that they will still have the benefit of his experience and advice as one of their number.

Resolved, That the Trustees in their next Annual Report ask of the Proprietors that they be authorized to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to Dr. Bigelow as a token of appreciation of his long-continued and faithful services as President and Trustee.

For the Trustees, —

JOHN T. BRADLEE,

President.

Boston, January, 1872.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Reports of the Superintendent, for the year ending December 31st, 1871.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of New Lots graded and bounded with Granite Posts.....	64
" " Old Lots improved by being graded and sodded.....	242
" " Old Lots bounded with Granite Posts.....	12
" " Lots enclosed with Granite or Freestone.....	70
" " Iron Fences erected.....	8
" " Tombs built.....	7
" " Tombs rebuilt.....	1
" " Headstones erected.....	301
" " Monuments erected.....	38
" " Linear feet of Gutters repaved.....	416
" " Iron Fences removed.....	12
" " Hedges removed.....	12

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of Interments as per last report.....	16,588
Number of Original Interments for the year ending December 31st, 1871.....	500
" " Removals from other Cemeteries.....	112
Total number of Interments for the year.....	612
" " " " in Cemetery to date.....	17,200
Of the above there were Deposits in the Receiving Tomb.....	40
" " " " Interments in Public Lots.....	29

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To the Receiving Tomb.....	0
" Receiving Tomb Lot.....	0
" Public Lots.....	12
To Private Lots.....	67
Total Removals within the Cemetery.....	79
" " from the Cemetery.....	43
" Number of Removals.....	122

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. FOLSOM,

Superintendent of Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Mount Auburn, December 31, 1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The TREASURER Reports the following Abstract of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES for the Fortieth year, 1871.

Cash balance from the preceding year.....		\$4,229.69
He has received from sundry parties :—		
For Sale of Lots, and Graves in Public Lots.....	\$34,077.42	
" Deeds and Transfers, etc.....	335.50	
" Labor and Materials, as follows:		
Interments and Brick Graves.....	\$7,249.45	
Wood and Apples.....	567.00	
Hay \$170.87; Rents \$415.00.....	585.87	
Greenhouse Sales.....	605.31	
Annual Care of Lots.....	11,885.61	
Filling, grading, sodding, building Tomb, and other improvements of Lots.....	23,894.81	
		44,788.05
From Income of Investments.....		1,900.48
" Massachusetts Horticultural Society,—		
For one-quarter part of expenditures, as follows :—		
Filling-up and Improving Lands between Yew and Sycamore Avenues.....	\$1,078.87	
Cuphea Path.....	544.37	
Gladiolus Path.....	5.25	
Indian Ridge Path.....	49.87	
Mound Avenue.....	65.63	
Fountain Avenue.....	590.13	
Vinca Path and vicinity.....	516.25	
Halcyon Lake.....	1,853.25	
Between N. and S. Lime Avenue.....	496.12	
Indian Ridge,—Steps, etc.....	115.00	
Palm and Magnolia Avenues, Hazel, Lavender, Myrtle and Starling Paths.....	3,978.70	
Palm Avenue, Steps, etc.....	26 50	
Coleus Path, Steps, etc.....	13.00	
Consecration Dell.....	209.00	
Hazel Dell.....	301.87	
		\$9,843.81
Cost of Building addition to Front Fence to enclose the Watriss purchase.....	3,801.54	
Expended on New Receiving Tomb, (on account)	6,000.00	
Watriss purchase, annexed to the Cemetery by vote of the Board of Trustees, March 8, 1871	6,500.00	
One-quarter of.....	26,145.35	is 6,536.34
" Refunded from Pay Roll.....	248.62	
" Strip of Land on Stone Meadow.....	184.63	
" Sale of United States 5-20 Bonds.....	14,529.75	
" Notes Receivable.....	7,000.00	
		109,600.79
		<u>\$113,830.48</u>

He has paid to sundry parties — for Labor and Materials :—

Bricks.....	\$1,882.30
Cart, carriage repairs, and horse shoeing.....	809.44
Coal for Engine, Chapel, Greenhouse, and Waiting Room..	742.60
Cutting Granite.....	341.85
Carpentering.....	349.23
Cesspools and Drains.....	347.29
Carts and Carriage.....	517.00
Copying Records.....	62.87
Derricks.....	132.22
Drawbacks.....	476.00
Engineering, Surveying, and Copying Plans.....	1,765.04
Freight and Carting.....	352.51
Granite and Block Stone.....	995.27
Granite Posts.....	635.88
Grain and Meal.....	631.08
Horses.....	925.00
Hardware and Cordage.....	320.56
Harness and Repairs.....	209.60
Iron and Steel.....	117.08
Interment Department.....	310.10
Lumber and Sawing.....	363.14
Lead.....	221.24
Lime and Cement.....	727.82
Manure and Loam.....	2,862.69
Marble and Marble Work.....	115.09
Paving Stones.....	439.90
Paving Gutters.....	262.17
Pay Roll.....	38,346.34
Pots, Vases, Plants for Greenhouse and Cemetery—Birds.	1,218.09
Paints and Oils.....	266.68
Repairs Engine House, Engine and Pumps.....	711.02
Repairs of Buildings.....	2,274.37
Repairs of Old Greenhouses.....	1,146.17
Repairs of Main Iron Fence.....	229.71
Sundry Expenses at Gate Office.....	196.23
Slates.....	946.15
Smith Work.....	503.75
Sods.....	2,605.77
Sundries.....	384.46
Tiles.....	50.50
Tools.....	649.46
Water Rates.....	123.20
Water Works.....	629.36
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	\$67,196.23

For Expenses — Salaries :—

C. W. Folsom, Superintendent.....	\$2,500.00
H. B. Mackintosh, Treasurer.....	2,000.00
Saml. Batchelder, Jr., Secretary.....	1,500.00
George G. Spear, Jr., Gatekeeper—(10 months).....	666.67
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	6,666.67

Rent, Heating, Lighting, and Care of Office.....	\$936.90
Taxes on Real Estate and Bank Stock.....	753.83
Insurance.....	250.25
Printing, Binding, and Stationery.....	737.43
Postage and Revenue Stamps.....	488.00
Sundries.....	248.24
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	3,414.65

To Amount paid Mass. Horticultural Society for its proportion of Sales.

" " on account of new Greenhouse.....	8,123.48
" " Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., for Permanent Fund..	2,854.57
" " for Fence of Watriss Lot and raising same.....	6,790.25
" " on new Mechanics' Shops.....	3,801.54
" " on account of Reception House and Fittings.....	1,751.69
" " " " new Receiving Tomb.....	198.31
" " for Paving in front of Gate.....	8,362.10
" " for Digging and Draining Halcyon Lake.....	929.98
" " for part of Lot and Graves repurchased.....	2,443.38
" " Repair Fund for Interest.....	183.50
" " Assessments New Stock Boston and Lowell Railroad	532.16
	500.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	81.97
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	\$113,830.48

THE PROPERTY

OF THE CORPORATION CONSISTS OF,

The Cemetery, which has cost to date.....	\$501,843.26	
Statuary.....	15,365.20	
Superintendent's House and Lot.....	6,892.91	
Stone Meadow.....	4,056.62	
Wyeth Estate (Reception House).....	9,092.03	
Greenhouses.....	5,685.68	
Water Works.....	11,361.29	
New Receiving Tomb.....	11,896.99	
		<u>\$566,193.98</u>

CASH ASSETS.

Stock in Shawmut National Bank, 20 Shares.....	\$2,000.00	
" " Atlantic " " 20 ".....	2,000.00	
" " Boston and Lowell Railroad Co., 5 Shares.....	2,500.00	
" " Fitchburg " " 20 ".....	2,000.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	81.97	
Bills for Labor and Material Uncollected.....	\$23,768.08	8,581.97
Of which there was due Jan. 1, 1868, for Labor and Material \$1,619.00		
June 1, 1870. " " " " 437.96		
A small portion of this will probably be collected.	\$2,056.96	
Less Outstanding Bills, due Sundry Parties.....	7,015.63	
	\$16,752.45	
Deduct for Bills the Payment of which is Uncertain.....	2,000.00	
		<u>14,752.45</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with the Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., as per last Report..	\$115,456.76	
Income of same for 1871.....	7,232.03	
Deposited in December, 1871.....	6,790.25	
		<u>129,479.04</u>
		<u>\$719,007.44</u>

REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last Report.....	\$2,189.43	
He has received :—		
For new Endowments.....	10,195.00	
" Income of Investments.....	5,239.01	
		<u>\$17,623.44</u>
He has paid for said account :—		
For State Tax on Bank Stock.....	\$ 48.34	
" Care and Improvement of Lots.....	4,717.43	
" Notes Receivable.....	7,000.00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	5,857.67	
		<u>17,623.44</u>

The Repair Fund consists of Notes Receivable, secured by Mortgage..	\$29,000.00	
30 Shares Atlas National Bank, cost.....	2,970.00	
20 Shares Boston and Albany Railroad Co., cost.....	1,721.25	
United States 5 20 Bonds, \$39,300, Cost.....	40,585.95	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	5,857.67	
		<u>\$80,134.87</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, January 25th, 1872.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-One, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The Certificates of Stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the General Account, there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$81.97; and in the Fund for Repairs, \$5,857.67.

Boston, January 26, 1872.

ALFRED T. TURNER, }
JAMES L. LITTLE, } *Committee on Finance.*



